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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE YUGOSLAV INITIATIVE RE UNESCO

REGIONAL GROUPS

1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AMB. VAN USSEL, BELGIUM, TOLD PERMREP THAT YUGOSLAVS INTEND INITIATE ACTION AT UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN HAVANA FOR SUPPORT OF CHANGE IN UNESCO RULES TO REQUIRE SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS OF UNESCO REGIONS FOR ENTRY INTO A REGION. THIS WOULD CHANGE EXISTING RULE WHICH REQUIRES VOTE BY FULL MEMBERSHIP.

2. YUGOSLAV INITIATIVE, IF TRUE, LIKELY STEMS FROM CONVERSATIONS HERE WITH YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR UNESCO JAVANOVIC ON EFFECT OF RECENT US CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE RE UNESCO. YUGOSLAV SEEMED GENUINELY SURPRISED AT US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND STATED THAT IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT TITO AND M'BOW, FORMER HAD STATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE US WOULD WITHHOLD CONTRIBUTION AS RESULT OF VOTE ON ISRAEL RESOLUTIONS. FACT THAT US ACTION IS HARSHER THAN EXPECTED MAY HAVE PROMPTED YUGOSLAVS TO CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO EASE REGIONAL
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ISSUE. YUGOSLAVS HERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE ALTHOUGH VOTING STRICTLY WITH NON-ALIGNED.

3. IF YUGOSLAV INITIATIVE ADOPTED BY NON-ALIGNED SCENARIO WOULD LIKELY BE TO INTRODUCE APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION TO THIS SPRING EX.BD. WHICH WOULD RECOMMEND ACTION TO 1976 GENERAL CONFERENCE. GENERAL CONFERENCE WOULD TAKE FINAL ACTION. IF THIS ADOPTED, ISRAEL COULD RE-APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO EUROPEAN REGION AND VOTE WOULD BE BY MAJORITY OF PRESENT MEMBERS OF REGION. ISRAEL COULD VERY LIKELY WIN A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE REGION.

4. WHETHER THIS INITIATIVE WILL ACTUALLY BE TAKEN IS UNCERTAIN, BUT MAY REPRESENT A FAVORABLE OMEN SINCE ACCEPTANCE OF MAJORITY VOTE PRINCIPLE BY NON-ALIGNED WOULD INSURE PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION. DANGER IS THAT HARD LINERS MAY PRESS FOR TWO-THIRDS VOTE, WHICH WOULD CONSTITUTE AN EFFECTIVE BAR TO ENTRY. BEST US COURSE OF ACTION SEEMS BE TO STAY IN BACKGROUND AND NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVE.
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